GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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BIO DETERIORATION BIO DEGRADATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of archaeological monuments affected due to bio-deterioration and bio-degradation during the last three years, Circle-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and spent for protecting the same during the said period, year-wise;

(c) the details of monuments affected by bio-deteriorations, cyano bacteria, algae, pigeon-pest and higher plants in Chennai Circle and the remedial action taken in this regard;

(d) whether Kailasanatha Temple at Kanchipuram has been affected with sugar disease and the sand stone structures are fast deteriorating; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c) The effect of biodeterioration on monuments is fairly widespread in view of the climatic conditions prevalent in the country. However it would not be possible to quantify specific details of such monuments. The funds allocated/expenditure incurred on the chemical treatment & preservation of the centrally protected monuments, year wise is as under

Rs in Lakhs

1998-1999	104.00
1999-2000	118.00
2000-2001	136.00

The details of monuments taken up for chemical treatment & preservation in Chennai Circle during the last three years is asper Annexure

(d) No Sir,

(e) Does not arise.